

CLAIMS

1. A replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance, comprising:
a body, the body shaped to seal a fill port of a container for a consumable substance; and
a wireless electronic memory device integral with the body.
2. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the wireless electronic memory device is contained within the body.
3. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the body has a substantially round cross-section.
4. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the body has a physical alignment feature.
5. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 4, wherein the body has a leading portion, and the alignment feature comprises an elongation of the leading portion.
6. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 4, wherein the body has a trailing portion, and the physical alignment feature comprises at least one protuberance on the trailing portion.
7. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only-Memory (EEPROM).

8. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Read-Only-Memory (ROM).
9. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Programmable Read-Only-Memory (PROM).
10. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises an antenna.
11. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the electronic memory device further comprises electronic circuitry and a coil antenna formed on a integrated circuit chip.
12. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 1, wherein the electronic memory device is externally attached to the body.
13. A replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance, comprising:
body means; and
wireless electronic memory means.

14. A replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance, comprising:
a body, the body shaped to seal a fill port of a container for a consumable substance, the body having a substantially round cross-section and a physical alignment feature; and
a wireless electronic memory device integral with the body, the wireless electronic device further comprising an antenna.
15. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 14, wherein the body has a leading portion, and the alignment feature comprises an elongation of the leading portion.
16. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 14, wherein the body has a trailing portion, and the physical alignment feature comprises at least one protuberance on the trailing portion.
17. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 14, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only-Memory (EEPROM).
18. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 14, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Read-Only-Memory (ROM).
19. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 14, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Programmable Read-Only-Memory (PROM).
20. The replaceable memory device for a container for a consumable substance of Claim 14, wherein the electronic memory device further comprises electronic circuitry and a coil antenna formed on a integrated circuit chip.

21. A container for a consumable substance, comprising:
 - a reservoir for a consumable substance;
 - a fill port; and
 - a replaceable memory device in the fill port, the replaceable memory device comprising
 - a body, the body shaped to seal the fill port; and
 - a wireless electronic memory device integral with the body.
22. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the wireless electronic memory device is contained within the body.
23. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the body has a substantially round cross-section.
24. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the body has a physical alignment feature.
25. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 24, wherein the body has a leading portion, and the alignment feature comprises an elongation of the leading portion.
26. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 24, wherein the body has a trailing portion, and the physical alignment feature comprises at least one protuberance on the trailing portion.
27. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only-Memory (EEPROM).
28. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Read-Only-Memory (ROM).

29. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Programmable Read-Only-Memory (PROM).
30. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises an antenna.
31. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the electronic memory device further comprises electronic circuitry and a coil antenna formed on a integrated circuit chip.
32. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 21, wherein the electronic memory device is externally attached to the body.
33. A container for a consumable substance, comprising:
 - a reservoir for a consumable substance;
 - a fill port; and
 - a replaceable memory device in the fill port, the replaceable memory device comprising
 - body means; and
 - wireless electronic memory means.

34. A container for a consumable substance, comprising:
a reservoir for a consumable substance;
a fill port; and
a replaceable memory device in the fill port, the replaceable memory device comprising:
a body, the body shaped to seal the fill port, the body having a substantially round cross-section and a physical alignment feature; and
a wireless electronic memory device integral with the body, the wireless electronic device further comprising an antenna.
35. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 34, wherein the body has a leading portion, and the alignment feature comprises an elongation of the leading portion.
36. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 34, wherein the body has a trailing portion, and the physical alignment feature comprises at least one protuberance on the trailing portion.
37. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 34, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only-Memory (EEPROM).
38. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 34, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Read-Only-Memory (ROM).
39. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 34, wherein the wireless electronic memory device further comprises Programmable Read-Only-Memory (PROM).
40. The container for a consumable substance of Claim 34, wherein the electronic memory device further comprises electronic circuitry and a coil antenna formed on a integrated circuit chip.

41. A method of installing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance, the container having a fill port, the method comprising:
placing a corking member in the fill port, the corking member comprising
a body shaped to seal the fill port, and
an electronic memory device.
42. The method of installing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance of Claim 41, wherein the electronic memory device is contained within the body.
43. The method of installing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance of Claim 41, wherein the electronic memory device further comprises radio frequency communication circuitry.
44. A method of replacing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance, the container having a fill port, a reservoir for a consumable substance, and a first corking member in the fill port, the first corking member comprising a body shaped to seal the fill port and an electronic memory device, the method comprising:
removing the first corking member from the fill port, and
placing a second corking member in the fill port, the second corking member comprising
a body shaped to seal the fill port, and
an electronic memory device.
45. The method of replacing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance of Claim 44, wherein removing the first corking member comprises pushing the first corking member from the fill port into the reservoir for a consumable substance.

46. The method of replacing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance of Claim 44, wherein the electronic memory device is contained within the body.
47. The method of replacing an electronic memory device in a container for a consumable substance of Claim 44, wherein the electronic memory device further comprises radio frequency communication circuitry.